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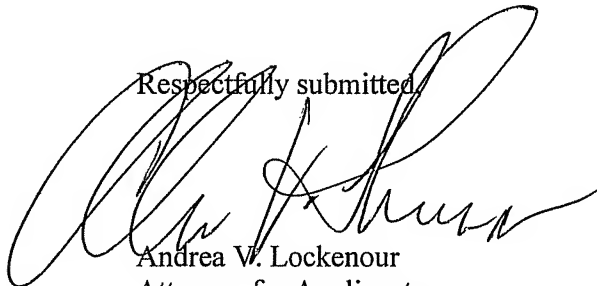
Claims 1-7, 9-20, 22 and 24-36 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24-33 are withdrawn based on an Election to a Restriction Requirement made on December 10, 2007. Claims 3 and 35 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

Sequence Compliance

Claims 3 and 35 are allegedly not compliant with the format requirement for Sequence Identifiers in claims. The Applicants cancel claims 3 and 35 herein without prejudice or disclaimer, thus, rendering the non-compliance allegation moot.

The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification. The Applicants believe the present claims to be in condition for allowance. If it would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to confer with the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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